(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No proposal to set up a medical college under the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 1993 has been received from the Government of Tripura.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Indore-Ujjain Road

3456. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring the Indore-Ujjain-Ratlam-Banswara-Durgapur-Ahmedabad road route under new National Highway Scheme; and

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Accredition to Journalists

3457. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether journalists are accredited by his Ministry separately;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of journalists allowed for press coverage of all the three armed forces during the last one year; and

(d) the norms prescribed for taking the journalists to various places for the press coverage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) Accreditations given by Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting are considered valid by the Directorate of Public Relations (DPR), Ministry of Defence in Delhi. The Ministry of Defence do not issue any separate accreditation to correspondents/media persons. The branch offices of DPR accord recognition to accreditation given by the respective State Governments. Generally, open invitation to all media organisations are issued for coverage of the functions of the Ministry of Defence, subject to constraints of transportation, accommodation and space. As the Defence PROs are spread over 24 regional offices besides the headquarters in New Delhi, no centralised compilation of journalists taken on press parties is maintained.

[English]

Construction of Dam

3458. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that 'construct your Check dam' scheme has recently been launched by the Gujarat Government in Junagadh district;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the details of the irrigation capacity of the scheme;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to provide assistance to encourage similar schemes in other States also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Farmers, Non Government Organisations and donors can take part in this scheme as their own programme. Any farmer or village can select site for a Check Dam near-by in consultation with Water Resources Department officials, Government of Gujarat. Beneficiaries will deposit 10% of the estimated cost with any N.G.O. registered for the purpose by the Water Resources Department. The construction will start by N.G.O. utilising this 10% contribution. On spending this 10% amount by N.G.O., the Government of Gujarat will contribute the remaining 90% amount in three instalments as per the progress of the work. The completed Check Dam will be maintained by N.G.O. and farmers and used by the beneficiary farmers. Government of Gujarat will allocate 5% of the estimated cost for maintenance to NGO.Check Dams costing upto Rs. 15 lakh can be considered under this scheme. Any NGO or donor; who contributes 25% or more of estimated cost as contribution; can give his name to this Check Dam.

(c) Each Check Dam may benefit about 10 hectares of land in the vicinity.

(d) At present, there is no such proposal.

(e) Does not arise.

Casualties at Safdarjung Hospital

3459. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether accident victims brought to AIIMS Casualty Department are being refused admission and